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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE
ON NARCOTICS MATTERS

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1. THE GOY HAS ACCEPTED DEA AS THE SOLE RESPONSIBLE US
AGENCY FOR LIAISON ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. DEA AGENTS HAVE
BEN GRANTED ACCESS AND COOPERATION BY YUGOSLAV POLICE
OFFICIALS WHENEVER REQUESTED. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DEA
HAS RECEIVED THE APPROVAL TO CONDUCT UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS
WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA IN COORDINATION WITH YUGOSLAV NARCOTICS
OFFICIALS.

2. AT SAME TIME, US CUSTOMS HAS MAINTAINED ACTIVE CONTACTS
WITH YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON INTERDICTION
OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. US CUSTOMS CONDUCTED AN IN-COUNTRY
CCINC TRAINING SEMINAR FOR YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN
DEC 1973 AND ANOTHER SEMINAR IS NOW IN PLANNING STAGE.
FOUR YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN A US CUSTOMS
CCINC TRAINING PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IN JULY 1974. OTHER
CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS CONTACTS OCCUR THROUGH CUSTOMS COOPERATION
COUNCIL.

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3. EMBASSY THEREFORE CONCLUDES: (1) THAT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR LIAISON WITH GOY SHOULD REMAIN WITH DEA, AND (2) THAT
CHANGE IN PRESENT SITUATION AS PROPOSED BY US CUSTOMS WOULD
AT MINIMUM CREATE CONFUSION AND UNNECESSARY MUDDYING OF
WATER, WHICH WOULD NOT BE IN US NARCOTICS CONTROL INTERESTS.
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